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SUBJECT: OPERATION BUCCANEER, SITREP NUMBER 7

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1. CURRENT STATUS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

A. COMMUNICATIONS: A QUANTUM JUMP IN GAINING AN ADEQUATE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR BUCCANEER OCCURRED LAST WEEK WITH THE ARRIVAL OF MR. HOWARD LASKEY AND MR. JOHN LANDERS OF MOTOROLA. ALL BUT ONE REPEATER IS NOW FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. THE REMAINING ONE WILL BE ATTENDED TO MONDAY.

B. AIRCRAFT

1) THE NAVAJO RETURNED ON SUNDAY FROM MIAMI WHERE SOME MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WERE CORRECTED. CARRIED ON BOARD WERE MANY NEEDED INVESTIGATIVE AIDS.

2) SA JOHN WALKER, 5 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL, AND TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UH-1H HELICOPTERS ARRIVED KINGSTON VAI MAC C-141 AT 1430 ON

10AUGUST. NO PROBLEMS WERE ENCOUNTERED IN OFFLOADING, AND THE AIRCRAFT ARE BEING BROUGHT TO A FLYABLE CONDITION. PILOTS ARE COMPLETING TRANSITION TRAINING AT FT. BELVOIR AND WILL ARRIVE JAMAICA NEXT WEEK

(3) T-41 AIRCRAFT ARE NOW FUNCTIONING WELL. AIRCRAFT "TANGO 6" BLEW A TIRE ON LANDING AT A DIRT STRIP, HOWEVER, THE PILOT, SA OVERSTREET, CONTROLLED THE AIRCRAFT, AND IT WAS SOON FLYABLE AGAIN.

C. BOATS:

- (1) ONE MARINE POLICE BOAT IS STILL DOWN AWAITING REPAIRS ON A BURNED OUT CLUTCH. MARINE POLICE ARE SETTling INTO A ROUTINE NIGHT PATROL SCHEDULE.
- (2) SEA LION WILL BE DELAYED. SEA TRIALS UNCOVERED THE NEED FOR A NEW CRANKSHAFT IN ONE ENGINE. GTMO MARINE FACILITY WILL ACCOMPLISH THESE REPAIRS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- (3) JDF COAST GUARD CUTTER P-6 IS ON STATION
- (4) USCGC COURAGEOUS WAS RELIEVED ON STATION BY STEADFAST

2. STATUS OF THE OPERATION

A. ERADICATION: STILL GEARING UP. HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK WILL SEE THIS EFFORT OFF THE GROUND.

B. SURVEILLANCE AND INTERDICTION:

(1) THIS EFFORT IS GETTING BETTER EACH DAY AS COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVE AND AS RESOURCES AND THE FLOW OF INTELLIGENCE BUILDS. ANOTHER GROUND REACTION FORCE OF JDF IS NOW AT MONTEGO BAY. THE FIXED WING FACILITY AT MANLEY AIRPORT IS NOW OPEARATIONAL. THE ABILITY TO CONTROL THE NORTH COAST AND ITS OFFSHORE APPROACHES IS AT HAND. THE ABILITY TO CONTROL THE SKY APPROACHES IS STILL COMING. DUE TO THE FAST REACTION TIMES REQUIRED AND BEING PLAGUED WITH

MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE NAVAJO AND THE DUKE, SUFFICIENT TRAINING BETWEEN PILOTS AND RADAR IN NIGHT INTERCEPT AND CHASE HAS NOT YET BEEN ACCOMPLISHED TO GIVE US A FIGHTING CHANCE. THIS WEAKNESS WILL RECEIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION

(2) BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY USCGC COURAGEOUS THAT THE 24-FT SAILBOAT "TWILIGHT ZONE" WAS IN THE WINDWARD PASSAGE OPERATED BY ONE WILSON HAIRE AND ENROUTE TO KINGSTON, A ROUTINE RECORDS CHECK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS MADE BY MAIMI REGIONAL OFFICE. HAIRE TURNED UP AS HAVING A RECORD FOR NARCOTICS SMUGGLING. AN ISLAND-WIDE ALERT WAS CALLED BY BUCCANEER BASE TO LOCATE AND WATCH THE CRAFT. ON WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST

THE BOAT WAS LOCATED OFF THE NORTH COAST. THE CRAFT HAD NOT CLEARED CUSTOMS AND WAS BOARDED AND SEARCHED BYJCF. THREE WEAPONS WERE FOUND AND HAIRE WAS ARRESTED.

(3)

ON THE NIGHT OF 9/10 AUGUST, JDFCGC P-6 MADE RADAR CONTACT WITH A SURFACE TARGET RUNNING WITHOUT LIGHTS AND HEADED OUT TO SEA. BUCCANEER BASE WAS NOTIFIED. P-6 WAS INSTRUCTED TO INTERCEPT AND BOARD. TWO AIRCRAFT, T-4 (THE DUKE) AND H-4 (BELL 212 HELICOPTER) WERE VECTORED BY BUCCANEER TO THE TARGET. THE BOAT, A 34-FT OFFSHORE TRAWLER, WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN 3,000 LBS OF GANGA. THE BOAT, GANGA, TWO U.S. DEFENDANTS AND \$720.00 WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. COMMUNICATIONS WERE EXCELLENT

C. INVESTIGATIONS: G1-74-0303, LEWIS, MILTON. CULMINATING AN INVESTIGATION WHICH HAD BEEN COORDINATED BETWEEN KINGSTON AND THE MIAMI REGIONAL OFFICE, ON SATURDAY, 8/8/74, MIAMI CUSTOMS SEIZED 6,000 POUNDS OF MARIHUANA AND 7 POUNDS OF COCAINE. THE EVIDENCE HAD JUST COME IN FROM KINGSTON ON A PAN AM CARGO FLIGHT. IT HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED THAT MIAMI RECIPIENTS OF THE LOAD WOULD BE ARRESTED.

3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS: CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF SEIZURES AND ARRESTS COMPUTED AS OF APRIL 1, 1974, IS REPORTED BELOW.

| | TOTAL | THIS WEEK |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| MARIHUANA SEIZED/DESTROYED | 74,700 LBS | 3,000 LBS |
| MARIHUANA SEED SEIZED/DESTROYED | 5,200 LBS | NONE |
| COCAINE SEIZED | 3 LBS | NONE |
| AIRCRAFT SEIZED/DESTROYED | 6 | NONE |
| BOATS SEIZED/DESTROYED | 8 | 4 |
| VEHICLES SEIZED | 3 | 1 |
| MONEY SEIZED | \$66,320.00 | \$720.00 |
| WEAPONS SEIZED | 4 | 3 |
| DEFENDANTS | 32 | 3 |
| GERARD | | |

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